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# Mountain Friends

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*Friendship Force of Western North Carolina*

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FFWNC  
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## General Meeting

**Sunday, November 12 5:30**

Mills River Presbyterian Church  
10 Presbyterian Church Road  
Mills River



CHANGING THE  
WAY YOU SEE  
THE WORLD

## From the Desk of the President

Dear Members,

Fall has arrived and with it a flurry of activity with our club. The New Mexico Journey was wonderful, and we are looking forward to seeing them in New Mexico in May. The club from Cornwall, England arrived October 10th and will be with us until October 17th. We will then be welcoming the club from Nagasaki, Japan on October 30 and they will depart on November 6th. I hope that many of you will take the opportunity to be a part of these Journeys.

I would like to thank you for completing the survey for our International Journey in 2019. A majority of members wanted to go to Canada and the choices submitted were British Columbia and Alberta. FFI will review all club requests and should reply in December. The domestic Journeys that you suggested will be taken into consideration by our club since we can contact clubs directly and see what the possibility is for us to visit them.

Please take a moment to look at the pictures from the Peru club with the results of what they were able to do with the monetary donation we contributed.

In friendship,

Joan

## Secretary Position Open

I ask that all members consider helping our organization by agreeing to fill the position of secretary. The minutes are succinct and much of the information can be cut and pasted from the Board Meeting Agenda. Please contact Diane Tokarski 828-674-2521 or dtokarski3@gmail.com.

Your consideration is appreciated,

Joan

Election for New Board Members November 12th

On November 12th members will vote on the slate of officers created by the nomination committee.

President: Diane Tokarski

President-Elect: Kay Manley

Secretary: (needed)

Treasurer: Jack Mullen

Club Directors:

2018

2018-2019

2018-2020

Mary Evers

Carol Mullen

Chuck Stevens

Bonnie Dees

Larry Harvey

Nancy McGaughy

Thank you to Diane Tokarski for chairing the committee and all of the committee members: Roberta Newman, Kay Manley, Susan Harvey and Joe Robustelli.

Save the date December 5th for Holiday Party.

The party will be at St Paul's vineyard. More details will be forthcoming.

## Congratulations to new Journey Host / Coordinators

The Journey Host/Coordinator Committee held a training session in June and four of our club members attended. Congratulations to Chuck Stevens, Lynne Cigal, Larry McGaughy and Mary Ellen Evers on being trained. We look forward to their participation as Journey Host/Coordinators in the future.

A special thank you to Karen McDonald, Joe Robustelli, Jack Mullen, Carol Mullen and Bill Hogan for their support and training. Their time and commitment to helping our club foster new coordinators with in-depth knowledge is greatly appreciated.

## Website

Our website has seen a lot of activity (1,921 visits) and it is there for all of us to use.

The website address is [www.ffwesternnc.org](http://www.ffwesternnc.org)

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## Resources

Mary Ellen Evers has created a document of resources for Journey Coordinators that can be found on our website. The resources listed are a great reference for all club members, who are hosting ambassadors and have some open slots. These resources can also be used for everyone's personal use as you entertain visitors and family from out-of-town. A special thanks to Mary for making this document.

## "Sunshine"

Judi Wondolowski is our club's Sunshine Person". If you know of anyone that is in need of some sunshine due to illness or a death in the family, please contact Judi so that a card can be sent [judiwond@gmail.com](mailto:judiwond@gmail.com) or 698-0484.



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## Journeys 2017

### INCOMING

Oct. 10-17 Cornwall, England Larry McGaughy, J.C.  
Oct. 30 - Nov. 6 Nagasaki, Japan Joe Robustelli, Becky Reid, Carol Mullen and Jack Mullen, J.C.

## Journeys 2018

### OUTGOING

May New Mexico Bill Hogan, J.C.

TBD (September) Cornwall, England Jack Mullen, J.C.

### INCOMING

May 23 - 31 Global Journey "Quilting Mountain Style"  
Becky Reid and Joan Manfre, J.C.  
October Northern Illinois Becky Elston, J.C.

Journey Host/ Coordinator Committee: Joy Williams, Joe Robustelli, & Karen McDonald Chair

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## New Mexico Inbound Journey

We welcomed our new friends from New Mexico with a brunch at Park Place and then took a trolley tour through Asheville hearing stories and some history of the area, viewing historical homes and buildings. Then we headed off to the Grove Park Inn for a guided tour of the historic Inn. The Biltmore House was our destination on the 2nd day with stops at the Biltmore Gardens, Winery, and shops on the grounds.



The next day we visited the NC Arboretum and enjoyed a garden tour before heading to Sierra Nevada to enjoy a beer and stroll around the grounds. Our evening entertainment was dancing and listening to local bluegrass music at The Feed and Seed. We had an unexpected visitor, Hurricane Irma, so some of our plans were altered at this point.

Some of us visited the Visitors Center and Folk Art Center on the Blue Ridge Parkway and ate lunch at the locally famous 12 Bones Barbeque restaurant. Ron Partin gave a tour of Carl Sandburg's home, Connemara and instead of visiting DuPont and the falls, we ate our box lunch at St. John In the

Wilderness and then were entertained with a tour of one of the first Episcopal Churches in the area, St. John In the Wilderness. Our Farewell dinner was at the Mills River Presbyterian Church where many of our club members joined us for the evening. In spite of Irma, I think everyone had a wonderful time. Many commented how many trees and how green everything looked! I think we had more rain in one day than they normally have in a year, thanks to the hurricane!

Of course, we shared many special meals and moments with our New Mexico friends over the week they were here. We are looking forward to renewing our friendships when we visit them next May!

- Jan Partin and Bonnie Dees, Journey Coordinators

### A Note from Pat Maier

I finally have a closing date on my house, and will be moving the last week in October. I had hoped to come to another meeting before I left but will not get to do so. My new address will be :

544 Terrace Gardens Dr.  
Lakeland, Fl. 33812  
My cell phone # will remain the same: 828-246-5381

I have enjoyed being a member of the WNCFFC and will probably leave my membership there as there is not a club where I am moving.

In Friendship,  
*Pat Maier*

# Friendship Force of Western North Carolina

## 2017 General Meeting Calendar

Dates & Times	Event	Location
Sunday, November 12 5:30 **	General Meeting Election of Officers	Mills River Presbyterian Church 10 Presbyterian Church RD, Mills River
December 5 5:30	Holiday Party	St. Paul Mountain Vineyard

General Meetings are usually held on the third Sunday of the month, however please note changes in week and also changes in the day and times which are designated by \*\*

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### Cornwall Has Arrived



# Friendship Force Western North Carolina

## 2017 Board Members

President  
President-Elect  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Past President

Joan Manfre  
Diane Tokarski  
Kay Manley  
Jack Mullen  
Jan Partin

## Club Directors

2017

Larry McGaughy  
Judi Wondolowski

2017-2018

Mary Evers  
Bonnie Dees

2017-2019

Carol Mullen  
Larry Harvey

## Standing Committee Leaders

Membership Chairperson  
Directory  
Journey Committee

Diane Tokarski  
Jack Mullen/Chuck Elston  
Joe Robustelli, Joy Williams, & Karen McDonald,(chair)

Communications  
Newsletter  
Publicity  
Website  
Facebook

Ron Partin  
Renee Kumor  
Joan Manfre & Diane Tokarski  
Ron Partin

Hospitality  
Archives  
Sunshine

Meredith Applegate and Carole Reimold  
Chuck Elston  
Judi Wondolowski



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## Membership Application / Renewal

Send to: FFWNC Treasurer, P.O. Box 1425, Skyland, NC 28776  
(Separate Application per person)

### PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- New Membership w/badge \$37 **per person** \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Renewal Membership \$27 **per person** \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Associate (if you are a member of another FFI club and pay that club's full dues) \$12 **per person** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Year joined FFWNC \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

### TALENTS OR INTERESTS YOU COULD SHARE WITH FRIENDSHIP FORCE:

Foreign languages spoken \_\_\_\_\_

Countries visited or knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_

Talents and skills \_\_\_\_\_

Profession (or former) \_\_\_\_\_